डॉ. सत्य नारायण जटिया : मान्यवर, यह विषय निश्चित रूप से राज्य सरकारों के अंतर्गत रहा है और राज्य सरकारें इसके लिए पर्याप्त प्रबंध कर रही हैं। निश्चित रूप से संविधान के अंतर्गत जो सुविधाएं दी गई हैं या जो प्रावधान किए गए हैं, उसमें यह विषय भी चूंकि सीधा केन्द्र के अंतर्गत नहीं है, किन्तु हमारे मंत्रालय की ओर से निराश्रित बच्चों के लिए, वृद्ध जनों के लिए, उनकी देखभाल करने के लिए कार्यक्रम लिए जाते हैं और डे केअर सैंटर तथा इस प्रकार की कार्रवाई भी हम करते हैं। विकलांग लोगों के बारे में भी मेरा मंत्रालय देखता है। इस प्रकार से यद्यपि यह प्रश्न सीधा हमारे अंतर्गत नहीं है लेकिन फिर भी यदि कोई सुझाव आते हैं तो उन पर विचार किया जाएगा। ....(व्यवधान)....

श्री प्रेम गुप्ता : वह तो आपके अंतर्गत हैं।

श्री सभापति : बैठिए, बैठिए बैठिए। आपसे ज्यादा इम्पोर्टेंट क्वेश्चन श्री सुब्बारामी रेड्डी का हैं। भिखारियों के लिए वे पहली बार पूछ रहे हैं, लेकिन मैं इनको अलाऊ नहीं कर रहा हूं।

MR. CHAIRMAN : Question Hour is over.

WRITTEN ANSWERS TO STARRED QUESTIONS

Shifting of MPEDA Head Office

*427. SHRI S. M. LAL JAN BASHA: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state :

whether it is a fact that there is a proposal to shift the Head Office of Marine Products Export Development Authority (MPEDA) from Cochin to Visakhapatnam;

(a) if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether it is a fact that nearly 70 percent of the total marine exports are from the East Coast;

(d) if so the reasons for not shifting the office of MPEDA to Visakhapatnam; and

(e) the reasons or advantages to keep the office on the West Coast?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI ARUN JAITLEY): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Does not arise.

(e) The office is well established and there are a large number of processing units closer to Cochin. Moreover, any shifting will entail large expenditure which is avoidable.

Houses at Cheaper Rates

*432. PROF. M. M. AGARWAL : Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that DDA is primarily responsible for the ever increasing number of Jhuggis in Delhi;

(b) whether it is also a fact that DDA has failed to provide houses and land at cheaper rates to the people belonging to lower income class; and

(c) if so, the reasons therefor and Government's response in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION (SHRI ANANTH KUMAR) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) To meet the housing requirement of the growing population, DDA has so far floated 33 housing schemes, out of which 25 have been closed and 8 schemes are alive. DDA has already constructed 2,84,369 houses till February, 2003, out of which 76,234 houses are in LIG category and 91,625 houses for other economically weaker sections. Further 25,414 houses are at various stages of construction, out of which 13,115 houses are in LIG category and 2,696 houses are for economically weaker sections. It has also facilitated construction of large number of houses through plotted development and co-operative group housing societies. Owing to socio-economic factors beyond the control of DDA, there has been a menifold increase in the population of Delhi in the last 3 decades, leading to a consequential pressure on land and the coming up of jhuggis.

To decongest Delhi and encourage dispersal of population and economic activities from Delhi, the Government constituted the National Capital Region Planning Board in 1985 which has, through the years helped in creation of residential and industrial areas and physical infrastructure in the national Capital Region.

Rehabilitation of Slum Dwellers of Turkman Gate Delhi

*433. SHRI AIMADUDDIN AHMED KHAN (DURRU) : Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that slum dwellers of Turkman Gate area of Delhi were removed and subsequently re-allotted quarters at the same area;